

Central Maui Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting
June 26, 2020

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m., via Zoom.

Present

Directors: Mike Silva, Yarrow Flower, Mae Nakahata, and Darren Strand

Associate Directors: Randall Moore, and Michael Reyes

NRCS: Jason Hew

SWCD Staff: Jessica Talbot, and Maggie Kramp

II. Minutes of April 6, 2020

Yarrow Flower moved to accept the minutes of April 6, 2020, seconded by Darren Strand, motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was received by the CMSWCD directors via email.

IV. Correspondence - none

V. Southwest Maui Watershed

1. Keokea Riparian Zone Project

MOA between DOH AND CMSWCD for the Keokea Riparian Zone Project, \$50,000 grant was discussed. Darren Strand moved to accept the MOA with DOH, seconded by Yarrow Flower, motion carried.

2. The Maui Nui Marine Council is applying for grants through NFWF. MNMC's proposed projects is within the SWMP, which include Kulanihakoi Stream, Kealia Pond, and Pohakea.

VI. Cooperative Agreements/Conservation Plans

Electronic plans emailed for board review prior to meetings is appreciated.

- Jason Hew presented two plans to the board

1. Michael and Jordan Santos -- 50-acre pasture plan which includes brush management and woody residue treatment, located on Haliimaile Rd and Baldwin Ave.

The plan is to restore land to pasture use that was Historic Grove Ranch. As far as cultural resources, the historic oven will not be disturbed. There are no federal funds

tied to this plan so SHPD review is not required. Documentation is included in the environmental evaluation and NRCS Conservation Tech Note 1 with photo. The documentation was reviewed by the NRCS cultural resource specialist. The area with the oven and old cement foundation is fenced off. The cooperators were advised of their responsibility and signed the CTN1.

The historical review process was extensively done by a landowner in the Hana district was discussed. The SWCD may consider review of CTN1 by the AG office for adequacy for cultural needs.

Yarrow Flower moved to approve the Santos conservation plan, seconded by Mae Nakahata, motion carried.

2. Monsanto Mokulele Farm – cover crop and crop rotation plan

Yarrow Flower recused from voting. Darren Strand moved to approve the Monsanto Mokulele Farm plan, Mae Nakahata, motion carried.

- Kaonoulu Ranch Plan – plan on hold

VII. County Grading/Grubbing Plans

List of plans was emailed to the board:

PROJECT NAME	TMK	Note
WAIKO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION (LOT 21)	3-8-094: 057	Revised plan was emailed to the board, and it appears to be adequate
ULUPALAKUA-SEIBU SUBDIVISION AKA MAKENA RANCH	2-1-008: 108	Copy of O&M plan forwarded to the board, more information pending
Maui Research & Technology Park – Lipoa Parkway Improvements (Sta. 5+00 – 24+30) Drainage Report	2-2-024: 009, 018	Plan appears to be adequate. Letter sent to County, 6/4/20
MAUI RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY PARK - MASS GRADING LOTS 6, 7, 8	2-2-024: 042, 043, 044	Plan is not adequate. Waiting for response from G70.
NALU OLA RANCH WEST	2-5-004: 055, 068, 069 & 070L 2-7-004: 007, 022, 048, 049, 052-056 & 058	Plan is not adequate. NOTE: Advised DSA that comments are pending

The checklist has been shared with engineers that had inadequate plans.

It was also suggested to encourage new engineers and those that are not members to join the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers to receive updates and latest requirements. This can be included on the bottom of the checklist.

VIII. District Director Positions

Yarrow Flower's appointed position expires June 30, 2020. Mike Silva moved to appoint Yarrow Flower to continue serving as CMSWCD director for the term ending June 2023, seconded by Mae Nakahata, motion carried.

IX. NRCS

1. MOA Between CMSWCD and NRCS was approved by the AG's office.

Mae Nakahata moved to accept the MOA, seconded by Yarrow Flower, motion carried.

Next step is to work on Long Range Plan.

2. Personnel

Jill Ficke-Beaton will be reporting back to the Big Island, July 6, 2020, as a Resource Conservationist for programs.

David Komorowski is acting as the Kahului Field Office DC until selection is finalized and announced. David is the resource conservationist for Pohnpei Service Center but cannot report to his duty station due to COVID and closed border.

Chris Macke, Pathways Student Intern - Soil Conservationist is here for the summer.

X. Other Business

Mae Nakahata reported on the following items:

- Maui County Department of Ag in consideration before County Council
- NACD Invasive Species – increased attention on national agenda
- Food Hubs Certification Process
- Share Food Disruption webinar by Hawaii Ag Foundation

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Submitted by



Mae Nakahata
Secretary

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